

**The School District of Palm
Beach County Recognizes
These Students of Character**



**Parker
Harris**

Grade 5

Acreage Pines Elementary



Parker is part of various clubs and flourishes in leadership roles. She's responsible; as a safety patrol she is one of few students who consistently maintains her post daily. She has a passion for helping and strives to make those around her comfortable, even going so far as to be a buddy for one specific student in need last school year. This is all part of her kind heart. She has a knack for taking ownership and making any task given to her a mission.



**Yousef
Elzouki**

Grade 5

Addison Mizner Elementary



Yousef's character makes him a leader. His leadership style is demonstrated by example. There is never a day that goes by that he isn't brightening someone's morning or afternoon. Yousef can be overheard complimenting someone or encouraging a random person. He is always so polite and respectful to the adults and peers surrounding him. He has set the tone for the classroom and due to his example, the students treat each other like a loving family.



Benjamin Gans

Grade 12

Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of
the Arts

Benjamin (Benji) Gans is an exceptional student in many ways; he is academically motivated, intelligent, talented, polite, generous and a role model. He loves math, science, fishing, and golf—and Benji has autism. In the past 4 years, he has grown with independence, self-confidence, responsibility, social- personal skills, and he is excited about his life ahead. Benji has an amazing TedTalk and his own blog so others can benefit from his experiences.





**Daniel
Mercier**

Grade 1

Banyan Creek Elementary



Daniel has shown what it means to be a Banyan Bear HERO. He is respectful because he listens to others when they speak to him. He is very patient and waits for his teacher to call on him. He is responsible because he comes to school well prepared. In addition, he is very caring because he will ask his teacher or classmates. He enjoys helping others learn to read. He always tells the truth. He is fair. When we play silent speedball he follows the rules. Way to go!



**Joanna
Lopez Velasquez**

Grade 5

Barton Elementary



Joanna Lopez is an outstanding student who exhibits the traits of Character Now! She has been an amazing model for our students here at Barton Elementary. Her dedication and motivation have inspired all of us to continue to be courteous to others, be self-disciplined, listen to others, and be compassionate as we continue to make our school and community better.



Nickemma Poteau

Grade 5

Benoist Farms Elementary



Nickemma Poteau is an inspirational young lady who won't let anyone or anything stop her. Throughout this school year she has grown exponentially, always demonstrating trustworthiness, responsibility, compassion, and leadership with a humble and honest heart. It has been a pleasure getting to know Nickemma, watching her grow within herself. She will reach any goal she sets for herself.



**Kara
Wojtasik**

Grade 5

Binks Forest Elementary



Kara has gone above and beyond the character themes that Binks Forest Elementary and the School District of Palm Beach County have in place. Being responsible; inspiring other students; navigating around campus safely; keeping a positive attitude at all times; and mostly, showing respect to her school, her teachers, peers and herself are among the reasons Kara is the perfect fit for this recognition. This happens daily in school and home.



Cristobal Reyes

Grade 11

Boca Raton Community High School

While experiencing many trials and tribulations, Cristobal is always looking on the bright side. He is continuing to try and grow his life for the better.





**Eva
Erashova**

Grade 5

Boca Raton Elementary



Eva is an amazing student; she is a part of our safety patrol and has been the team captain. She's always helpful and kind. She helps kindergarten students get to class or comforts them when they are sad. She is also very empathetic; she's been able to help our new Ukrainian students adjust to the transition of a new school because she speaks their language and can communicate with them.



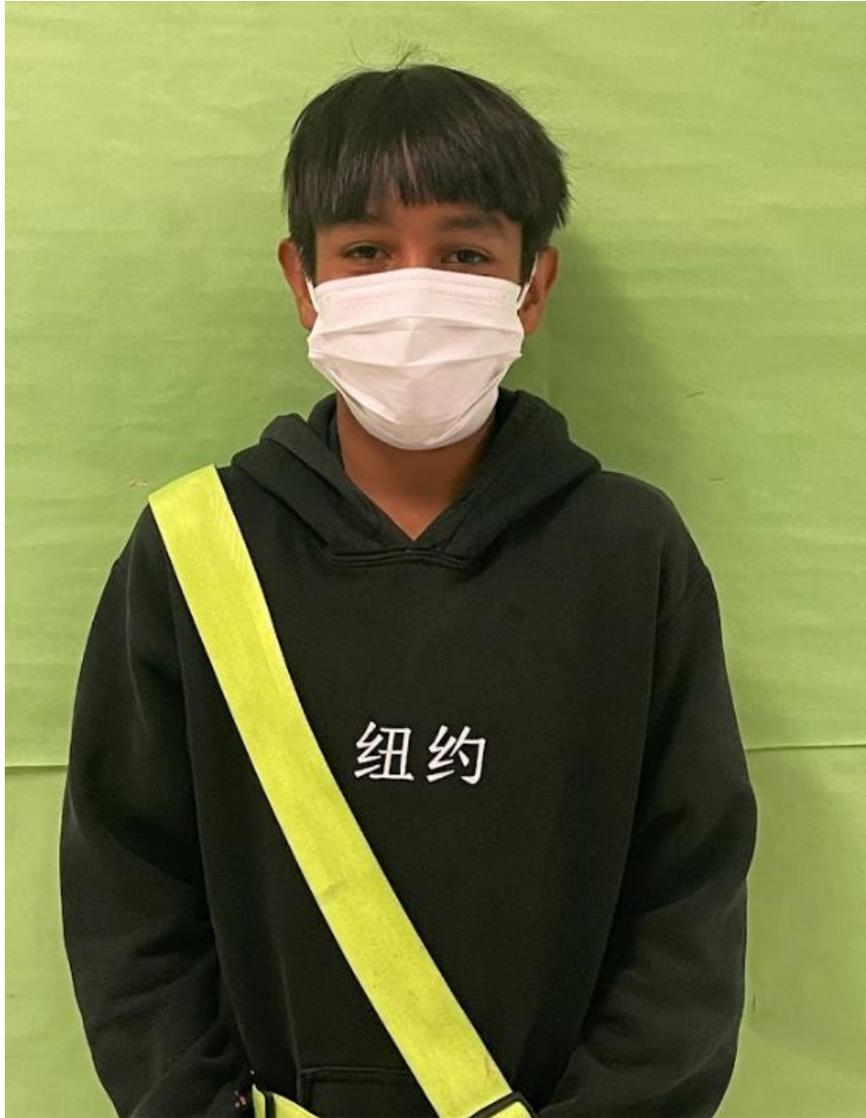
**Joshua
Roseme**

Grade 12

Boynton Beach Community High School



Joshua exemplifies all the traits of outstanding character. He treats others with respect and carries himself with a positive attitude. He is a very kind and caring young man. He is always looking for a way to help somebody or fix something for the sake of others. He is very involved in volunteering his time outside the school. In fact, Joshua participates in Faith's Place Center for Arts Education. He is an excellent role model for his peers.



Adrian Gomez-Canas

Grade 5

Cholee Lake Elementary



Adrian displays many important character traits on a daily basis here at Cholee. He is a responsible and trustworthy safety patrol, taking the role seriously while having a pleasant disposition and warm smile. He is always polite and respectful when speaking to his teachers and fellow students. Adrian shows he is caring by helping teachers and fellow students when asked. We are honored to have him at Cholee and know his shining character traits will take him to great opportunities and places!



Jacquelyn Hughes

Grade 6

Christa McAuliffe Middle School



Jackie is a fantastic student who not only models the SOARing behavior we hope to see but she has a clear goal about what she wants to do for her future. She works hard everyday & will often ask about what else she can do to get better. Jackie is "coachable." She listens, implements suggestions, & you can see her continued improvement! She exemplifies growth mindset with her positive attitude; she is always willing to learn and tackle a new challenge. Jackie cares about getting good grades.



**Katie
Pyrrhus**

Grade 4

Citrus Cove Elementary



Katie has outstanding character. She displays many aspects of the character traits, but her strengths are Trustworthiness, Respect and Caring. Katie has persevered this school year when things were tough. Katie is extremely caring person. She is sensitive to other students' and teachers' feelings. You can rely on Katie to do the right thing in the classroom, and she is an active participant in class.



**Nice
Pierre**

Grade 8

Congress Middle School



Nice is described by her teachers as someone with leadership and great interpersonal skills. Nice is always willing to help a friend, and is not a stranger to other classmates. Nice has been an Honor Roll student for all three years of middle school. She is also a dependable, compassionate and patient person. Her peers see her as positive energy force. Nice is a member of the school's Student Council and looks forwards to being successful at something she loves doing in the future.



**Noah
Klein**

Grade 5

Coral Reef Elementary



Noah has displayed his strong character this past year while undergoing treatment for a brain tumor. He is a true example of strength and determination in the face of difficulties and has shown the staff and students around him how to fight and do it well through **WHATEVER** life throws your way! Noah is our **HERO** and inspires all those around him to be better and to live each day to the fullest!



**Joseph
Da Rosa**

Grade 5

Coral Sunset Elementary



Joseph is a role model for his peers. Each day he walks into the classroom with a big "good morning" and immediately gets to his work. Throughout the day, he is kind to his classmates and eager to help others. He leaves the classroom at the end of the day with a personalized goodbye to every student in the room. He also says, "Thank you Ms. Blau for teaching me today. Have a great day." What an amazing example for everyone to see. He is a STAR student at Coral Sunset.



**Kyla
Wallace**

Grade 8

Crestwood Middle School



I could nominate Kyla for every possible Character Now award. She is such a dedicated, kind and caring person who gives of her own time and talents for the good of the entire group. She single handedly folded every chorus uniform (and there is a lot) to go to the dry cleaners. She comes early to practice and even volunteers to help others who are beginning, sometimes in her lunch times. Her kindness and trustworthiness, caring for others, and fairness is catchy.



Roodney Charlemagne

Grade 5

Crosspointe Elementary



Roodney has consistently been trustworthy as well as honest and responsible. He set great examples to his peers as well as anyone he meets. He is friendly and is always there to help his fellow student or a staff member who needs assistance. As a fantastic citizen of our learning community, I can depend on Roodney to make great decisions, even when no one is looking. He is involved in the school color guard as the only male, which I find very courageous. He is also a school safety patrol.



Kassandra Jeliazkov

Grade 4

Crystal Lakes Elementary



Kassandra Jeliazkov is a student who exemplifies outstanding character and knows the importance of making the right choices even when no one is looking. For example, she stays with a task until it is completed and is not afraid of hard work. In addition, Kassie is a team player and is often chosen to be part of a group because she is kind and a valuable member who contributes to the success of any team she is part of. Kassandra is an amazing young lady and an example to her peers at CLES!



**Derek
Chisolm-Morikami**

Grade 5

Cypress Trails Elementary



Derek has always demonstrated good character by being kind to others, respectful towards his teachers, a good citizen that takes care of our school, a hard-working student, and a good friend to his classmates. He is very worthy of this accolade and we all agree that he will achieve great things in life as long as he stays on this path. He represents Cypress Trails very well and we are proud of him!



**Delaney
Rodgers**

Grade 2

Diamond View Elementary



Delaney is the perfect student that comes to mind when D.V.E. thinks of Character Education throughout our school. Delaney has core values that shine throughout her time here at school. Some of these include respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring. Delaney is an empathetic hard-worker, regardless of the task at hand-- school work, Fine Arts, etc. Her classmates would describe her as a role model and always willing to lend a helping hand if needed! She continues to make DVE shine brighter!

Alexis Canales

Grade 5

Discovery Key Elementary

Lexi is an exemplary student who exhibits respect, responsibility, kindness, and is extremely poised beyond her years. She has contributed to various clubs and programs within our school ranging from Safety Patrol, Video Club, and Chorus, and even is on a travel soccer team outside of school. Lexi shines in the classroom academically as well as is a role model among her peers. She is always the first to help out a friend in need, walks kindergarteners to class, and includes others.





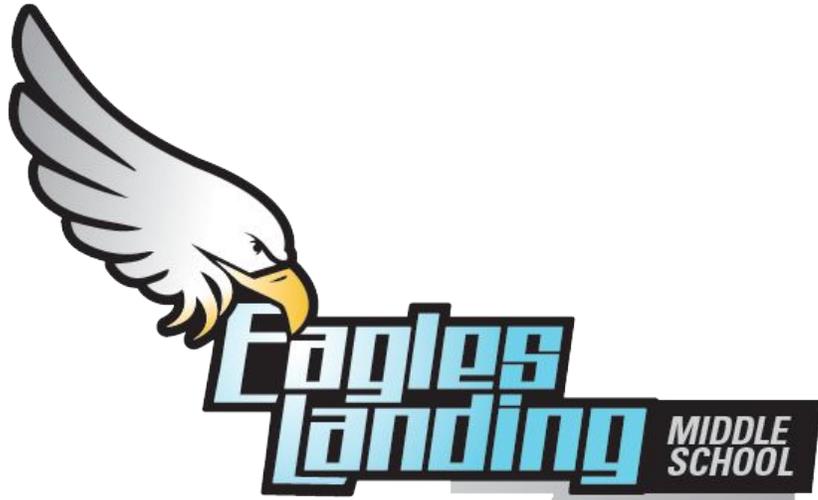
**Ariel
Savitch**

Grade 8

Don Estridge High Tech Middle School



Ariel goes above and beyond for the good of the student body. She is dedicated and always willing to help her fellow students and teachers make our school a better place. Ariel's character extends beyond the classroom walls. She helps countless teachers and students before and after class, all while beaming a smile.



**Hayden
Martin**

Grade 7

Eagles Landing Middle School



Hayden goes above and beyond to make every student feel welcomed. He does acts of kindness without being asked and doesn't expect recognition. When walking in the halls, you will see Hayden holding the door open to a classroom or the cafeteria for all students. Hayden is an exemplary student and definition of excellent character.



**Micah
Smith**

Grade 3

Egret Lake Elementary



Micah is new to my afternoon AMP class and he is a total rock star. He is very personable and friendly to his peers and adults. He acts as a leader which is awesome to see. He is a great part of this community.



Alexandra Raffo

Grade 8

Emerald Cove Middle School



Alexandra moved from Peru in August, with very little English, & became known for her achievement & character. She is described by teachers as a student with grit, perseverance & deep commitment to her education & her future. She is hardworking, respectful, disciplined & shows a growth mindset through eagerness to grow & improve. She demonstrates good citizenship and empathy & kindness by supporting new ESOL students, helping them adjust, & advocating for all ESOL students. Alexandra is Character Now!



**Olivia
M'Sadoques**

Grade 5

Equestrian Trails Elementary



Olivia is a student with outstanding character at our school. She is a captain on the safety patrols and is the lead patrol on our school bus. Her fifth grade teacher describes her as a kindhearted child who is always willing to help others in class. She is mature beyond her years and is her teacher's go-to kid when a helper is needed. On our school bus, Olivia takes the lead and double checks that all kids are on before the bus leaves and helps when there is a substitute driver.



**Colton
Grochmal**

Grade 3

Everglades Elementary



Colton is an exceptional role model. He consistently participates in class and goes out of his way to help others. If he sees a classmate who is struggling with an assignment, he will quietly go over and help him/her once he is finished. He has helped calm his classmates down when they were scared during drills at school. He will gently remind his peers of standard classroom procedures if they forget. It truly is extraordinary the level of kindness he shows at such a young age.



**Jeffrey
Larrabee**

Grade 11

Forest Hill Community High School



Forest Hill Community High School proudly recognizes Jeffrey Larrabee. Jeffrey is an 11th grade student who exemplifies intelligence, respectfulness, and responsibility. He exceeds expectations by giving of his own time to assist with school technology needs as well as within his community as an Eagle Scout. Jeffrey maintains a high GPA through rigorous coursework. As a trustworthy, caring, and resourceful young man he is revered as a leader on our campus.



**Janna
Santana-Zapatoski**

Grade 5

Freedom Shores Elementary



Janna is a very respectful and caring student. She works hard to challenge herself and always does her best on her classwork. Janna has a positive attitude towards school and her peers. She demonstrates a growth mindset and her teachers describe her as being responsible and respectful. We are very proud to nominate Janna for this recognition.



Sophia Seepersaud

Grade 5

Frontier Elementary



Sophia shows outstanding character every day to her peers, teachers and staff. She shows kindness and respect towards everyone and will do everything in her power to help others. Whenever she sees a classmate by themselves, she reaches out to interact or help them and she does it with a kind heart and a smile. She sets goals for herself and works hard to achieve those goals. You can always count on Sophia to greet you with a golden heart, positive attitude and a thoughtful growth mindset.



**Sofia
Cardenas**

Grade 5

Galaxy Elementary



Sofia Cardenas is an exceptional example of a Galaxy superstar! She comes to school each day ready to learn. She leads by example, is responsible in taking her academics seriously, and also ready and willing to help her peers succeed with support and encouragement. She is a caring teammate who believes in working for the success of the entire Galaxy community.



**Mahin
Hossain**

Grade 6

Gove Elementary



Mahin is an exceptional student. She excels in her academic studies and participates in many extracurricular activities. She strives to do her best at all times and displays a different level of maturity than her peers. Mahin constantly tries to learn from her mistakes in order to become a more complete person. In addition to her exceptional academic progress, she is also one of the kindest and most sincere students currently on campus. She is always looking to make new friends and create new memories.



Tom Thang Nguyen

Grade 5

Grassy Waters Elementary



Tom is a fifth grade student that has exemplified outstanding character in all of his years at Grassy Waters Elementary. This year he has been a safety patrol. He goes out of his way to say, "Good morning!" to every staff member and student who walks by his posts. It is a great way for our community to start their mornings! He is always there to lend a helping hand to our primary and ASD students. His teachers know that he is one they can count on to be respectful and responsible.



Santiago Ortiz

Grade 5

Greencares Elementary



Santiago is a model student; he is very responsible and social. He loves helping his peers and also teachers. Being a Safety Patrol has allowed him to show others what being an outstanding student is. Santiago takes his job very seriously; he has managed to balance being a student and a role model to others at the same time by always doing the right thing and keeping his goals straight.



**Analeah
Leslie**

Grade 5

Grove Park Elementary



Analeah is a "stand out" here at Grove Park. She serves our school community as a Safety Patrol and as a member of Honor Society. Analeah also is a member of the Art Club, SECMME and Teachers of Tomorrow. Analeah is always willing to lend a helpful hand is a truly wonderful role model for our students. It is with great pleasure that Grove Park recognizes Analeah as our Student of Character



**Madison
Haser**

Grade 5

H.L. Johnson Elementary



Madison promotes outstanding character on a regular basis by being a role model for her peers and the student body as a whole. As a patrol, she takes responsibility for the safety of students and displays a leadership role on campus. In the classroom and on campus she displays respect, caring, and responsibility. She is always willing to help others in need and her caring nature makes her a joy to have in the classroom.



**Sophia
Febles**

Grade K

Heritage Elementary



She is young but she displays many character traits: generous, grateful, trustworthy, caring & diligence, which she was nominated for. She doesn't let obstacles stop her; she pushes through. She is kind and helps others whenever possible. If someone is struggling to get on the computer during class, she helps after asking permission because she knows it is the rule and she is respectful of the class procedures. She is responsible-- always prepared for class and completes assignments.

Allison Co Diego

Grade 4

Highland Elementary



Allison has always been an exemplary role model of character. She excels at everything she puts her heart into. She is always selfless in helping others. Allison is an active club member in Chorus, Art, Green Team, & Media. She shows empathy for others with her kindness. She exhibits leadership qualities inside & outside the classroom by supporting & guiding others to be successful. There is no doubt that Allison's character will pave the way for success in all her endeavors.





**Mayra
Contreras**

Grade K

Hope Centennial Elementary



Mayra is an awesome student. She is very respectful and likes to follow the rules in school and at home. She is very friendly and kind to others. She is always on task and completes her work on time. She likes to participate in class and does well on her assessments. During dismissal, she sits safely in her area while waiting for her name to be called. Mayra is an excellent role model.



Reiland Otchengco

Grade 8

Howell L. Watkins Middle School



Reiland is a member of the NJHS and our resident Expert Robot Builder. When his classmates are having trouble building attachments for whatever challenge we are tackling, he jumps in and helps his classmates get their robot across the finish line. He has been volunteering at an elementary school for his community service project and achieved a perfect score on his Geometry midterm. Reiland is respected by his teachers and peers, a role model to others, and a well-rounded individual.



Mason Hires

Grade 7

Independence Middle School



Mason is an exemplary role model and leader to his peers and classmates. He has a very kind heart, great sense of humor, and is extremely considerate to everyone he meets. In addition, he is respectful and polite to his teachers, peers, and others. He goes the extra mile to help. For example, during lunch he takes the initiative and assists the custodial team by collecting trash from tables. He can be trusted to do the right thing. Mason is the true example of an Independence Eagle.



Jayden-You Lormejuste

Grade 5

Indian Pines Elementary



Jayden is a reflection of all the character traits. He is patient, kind, joyful and caring. He is respectful, trustworthy as well shows a growth mindset. He shows self awareness and is an intelligent young man that is headed for great success in the future.



**Gennica
Fertil**

Grade 12

Indian Ridge School



Gennica has demonstrated excellent character since she enrolled at Indian Ridge. She consistently demonstrates respectful behaviors towards her teachers and her fellow classmates. She adheres to the rules and completes her work. Gennica is a kind and caring student. She earns her days everyday and has moved up the level system. She attends school every day and is always on time to her classes. Gennica has been a role model to other students. We proudly nominate her to represent our school.



**Aliah
Henri**

Grade 8

Jeaga Middle School



She shows respect on a daily basis, she is trustworthy, and she demonstrates it when interacting with peers and staff members. She is always showing that she cares about others by helping them and holding the doors for them. She is a model student and I wish we had more students like her.



Madaline Myers

Grade 5

Jerry Thomas Elementary



Madaline has demonstrated all the traits of being a model student. She exhibits exemplary behaviors and handles stress & disappointment with grace. She is honest, respectful, & earns her grades on her own merit. She comes to school ready to learn, is fair & kind to all of her classmates - thinking of their needs & feelings before her own. She is 1st to volunteer to help a student in distress. With all these traits she remains humble & seeks no reward. We are honored to have Madeline at our school.



**Kohl
Hobbs**

Grade 12

Jupiter Community High School



Kohl exemplifies the value of caring; he is a very special person. He is kind, empathetic, and has a genuine personality. He is always thinking of others before himself. His smile lights up a room and he is a true role model of what generosity and deep connection come from. He is always willing to be helpful and optimistic wherever he goes. His enthusiasm is infectious.



Jesus Cruz Lamus

Grade 4

Jupiter Elementary



This student has above board character as he helps to inspire other new-to-country students. He has gone to students' homes to make sure that a discouraged student gets to school. He serves as an encourager when he sees his classmates "down in the dumps". He invites new students to play and get involved in recess activities. If a student is absent due to discouragement or personal problems, he makes it his business to let the school counselor know so that they can get the help they need.



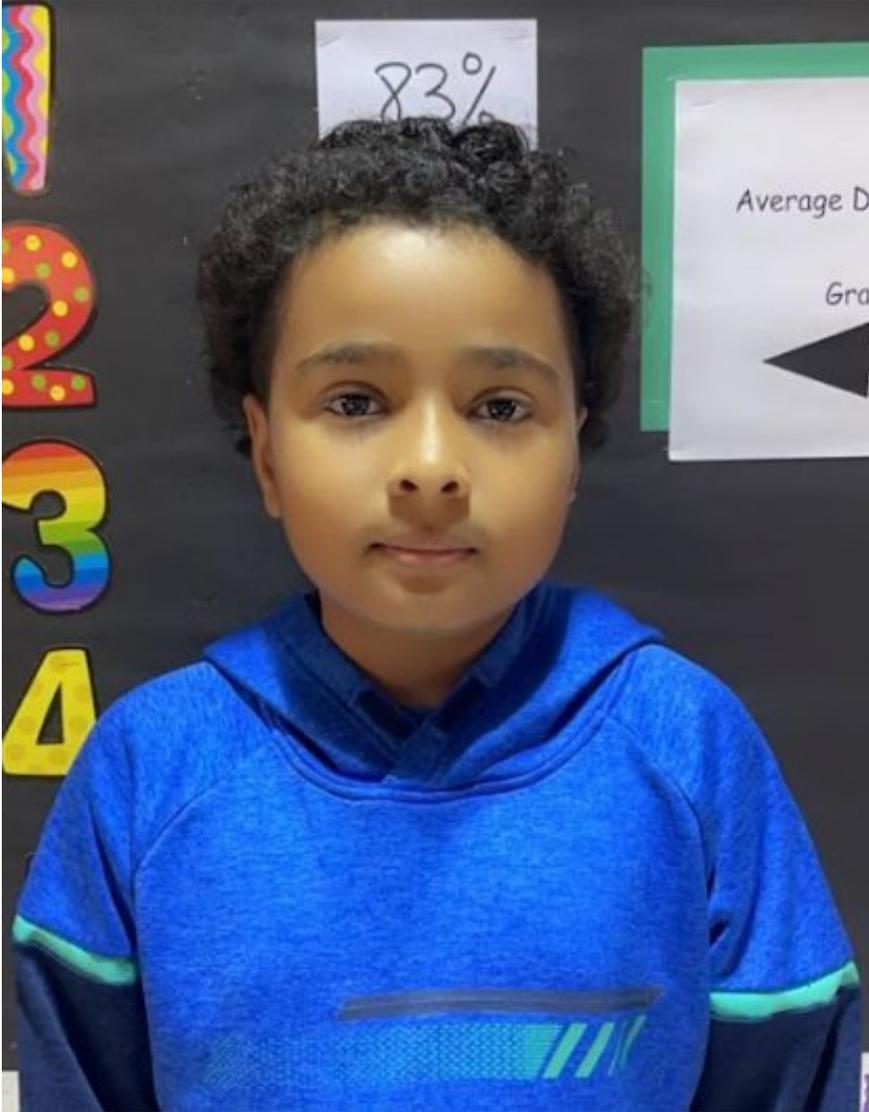
**Mia
Cooke**

Grade 5

Jupiter Farms Elementary



Mia is kind, caring, and polite to teachers and her peers. Mia sticks up for others when they are being treated unfairly. She has organized a few fundraisers on our campus. She organized a bake sale, sold painted rocks to benefit Furry Friends, as well as collected supplies for Help for Haiti. Mia perseveres even during challenging academic times and has worked to overcome any obstacle in her way. She never gives up! She's positive and always wears a smile on her face.



**Julian
Garcia**

Grade 4

KEC/Canal Point Elementary



Julian is a very trustworthy person due to the integrity he displays. You can always count on Julian to do the right thing even when an adult is not watching. He follows the procedures and routines in the classroom without a reminder. Julian is respectful of his classmates even when they are being difficult, and he will partner with any of his classmates. Regularly, he displays the ability to take turns and play by the rules, including unspoken rules.



Nathaniel Tapia

Grade 8

L. C. Swain Middle School



Nathaniel is a confident and responsible young man. Punctual to class and diligent in his studies, Nathaniel is one of the most self-disciplined students to enter my classroom. Without hesitation, he lends a helping hand to his classmates. Nathaniel compassionately tutors peers in need with the patience unmatched by most adults. Nathaniel's character is most outstanding.



**Zion
Icon**

Grade 2

Lake Park Elementary



Zion has made so many good choices in the classroom. He continues to get his IReady work done, transitioning from one lesson to the next, and staying focused during testing. Zion demonstrates positive ways to ask questions in the classroom and enjoys receiving cub buck incentives daily. Zion shared that he wants to be a positive role model for his little brother on campus. Zion's teachers and support staff agree that he promotes the Lion Way by holding himself accountable and owning his actions!



**Jose
Bustamante**

Grade 11

Lake Worth High School

He's a well-rounded student, very smart, and willing to serve wherever needed.





Sendline Simplice

Grade 6

Lantana Community Middle School



6th grader Sendline Simplice is an inspiring and courageous young girl. Sendline's positive attitude and perseverance is admirable. You would never know the battle she is fighting. Sendline has brain cancer, but she refuses to let it define her. Despite missing school for appointments and treatments, she has earned Honor Roll every quarter. A LCMS Safe School Ambassador, Sendline is a leader on campus. She is kind, conscientious and responsible.



**Melanie
Zelaya**

Grade 5

Lantana Elementary



There are so many wonderful things to say about Melanie. Her fabulous fifth grade teachers and I have experienced an individual who shows up earlier than asked, works hard, and carries themselves in a polite, respectable manner. In addition, Melanie is exceptionally gifted at making other students feel comfortable and always maintaining a positive attitude.



**Drake
Schluth**

Grade 7

Loggers' Run Middle School



Drake Schluth, WOW! An exceptional young man! An asset to our grade 7 team at Loggers' Run Middle School! Lucky me to have been his math teacher this year! Drake demonstrates & encourages outstanding character through his words, personality, & actions: A friendly "hi" to staff, a word of encouragement for a struggling peer, congrats to a fellow student who is succeeding, or just being kind & thoughtful on a daily basis. These examples exemplify Drake's spirit & character every day at school!



**Sofia
Masci**

Grade 5

Loxahatchee Groves Elementary



Sofia Masci is a joy to teach and interact with. She's thoughtful, kind, and has become a true classroom leader. Sofia has developed into a terrific writer this year with a strong writer's voice and good use of writing techniques. When she is asked to help someone with his/her writing, she provides helpful ideas and instruction that really makes a difference. She always asks her teachers if she can help with anything needed. Sofia exhibits a deep understanding of people's feelings and emotions and gets their motivations. Sofia is a remarkable person.



**Naomi
Palocz**

Grade 5

Manatee Elementary



Naomi is one of those super quiet, super reliable, and amazingly kind students. She misses nothing and is the first person to jump in to help without expecting any kind of recognition. One day, she was privately told of a girl from another class who was relatively new to the school and was feeling friendless. Naomi immediately made it her mission to go out and offer friendship to this shy girl. Her mission in life is to be there for whomever needs her.

Lainey Hand

Grade 4

Marsh Pointe Elementary

Lainey has demonstrated and applied all of the character traits this school year. She is always in good spirits, prepared for school, follows MPE expectations, provides helping hands, a team player, very respectful, attentive and hardworking, empathetic and kind, provides positive compliments, puts her best in all she does. She is very honest, reliable, a dependable friend and student, a good role model. She is genuine and encourages others to make positive choices.





**Ky'Mani
Gross**

Grade 5

New Horizons Elementary



Ky'Mani demonstrates respect every day in the classroom by arriving on time to the and being prepared to start his day. Ky'Mani helps support our School Resource Officer by taking pride in raising the flag in the morning. Ky'Mani shows respect to his teachers, classmates, and administrators on campus.



**Jessany
Rosado**

Grade 5

North Grade K-8 School



She knows how to be a team player, and a leader. She is not easily knocked down & is very resilient. She is responsible and trustworthy. She knows exactly how to be fair and is respectful. She demonstrates all the 6 traits in the classroom, as part of a kickball team, with her friends, with her schoolwork, and her teachers. She is an outstanding safety patrol, vital part of the morning news crew, and stands out of the crowd with her emotional/social growth.



**Greidys
Vasquez Martinez**

Grade 5

Northboro Montessori Magnet School



Greidys exemplifies the characteristics of a hardworking, passionate student. She ensures that her work demonstrates all of the strategies taught and asks questions that show that she aims to achieve optimal comprehension of the material. She encourages other students to do their best and always maintain a positive attitude. She is a model safety patrol and seeks to exhibit growth in all aspects of her academic and social life.



**Mar'Keriyah
Saffold**

Grade 4

Northmore Elementary

Mar'Keriyah is a very bright student who is well liked by her teachers and peers. She is responsible and respectful of everyone and is always willing to help others.





**Ivanna
Garcia**

Grade 8

Okeeheelee Middle School



Ivanna is a model student for both academics and behavior. She is a very dedicated learner who always strives for excellence. Ivanna is always prepared for class, and she is the first to start her work. She is very respectful to teachers, staff, and other students.



**Sai
Vattikonda**

Grade 8

Omni Middle School



Sai is one of those rare students who truly focuses on the educational process. The first week of school she stated that she set a goal of achieving a score of at least a 9 on the writing test. She works diligently on every assignment, questions the lessons so that she can learn the material, and includes other students in her academic circle during group work. She is the epitome of a growth mindset.



**Tobias
Rodriguez**

Grade 5

Orchard View Elementary



Tobias is very dependable, and this makes him a great leader in class. He supports and helps the other students when they are having difficulty with language or skills. He is a positive role model for the other students by supporting them in any way he can, and he doesn't want anything in return. Tobias is very kind and respectful and is liked by everyone.



**Rylee
Harker**

Grade 8

Osceola Creek Middle School



Rylee demonstrates all of the traits required! Here are some of the wonderful things her peers had to say: She is very nice and respectful to others, and she always puts her academics first. She's always honest and is very responsible. She is a wonderful person to be around. She has an optimistic personality, and whenever I'm in a bad mood, I can count on her to make my day better. She's a great person to be friends with and I genuinely appreciate her a lot!



Diego Morales

Grade 10

Palm Beach Central High School



Diego always strives for excellence in whatever he does! He greets his teachers warmly, asks others how they are doing, and invites his peers to join him where activities are concerned. He eagerly goes above and beyond to help his classmates and friends. He consistently follows all our rules and procedures. He often completes tasks early, volunteers to answer questions, and participates in discussions. He advocates for himself. In summary, Diego has a lot of Bronco PRIDE!



**Eliska
McGuire**

Grade 5

Palm Beach Gardens Elementary



Eliska comes to school ready to learn, always strives to do her best, and displays kindness and inclusion to all her classmates. Her latest essay was about students with disabilities being included at recess by providing assistive technology to allow them to utilize playground equipment. She is very responsible and respectful of everyone's beliefs, opinions, and feelings. She is truly an asset to our classroom family.



**Tuff
Genda**

Grade 10

Palm Beach Virtual School



In the four years I have known Tuff, I have seen tremendous growth. He has always been a stellar student, but I have seen him overcome obstacles that would have confounded many adults, let alone students. Not only has he continued to succeed despite these challenges, he has become a key member of our National Honor Society. I am proud to know him.



**Sheika
Belizaire**

Grade 4

Palm Springs Elementary



Sheika demonstrates outstanding character by exuding excellent behavior in and outside of the classroom. She exemplifies what it means to be a role model. She is always eager to learn and follows directions at all times. This student always puts effort into learning and completes all assignments to the best of her ability. She is very kind to her peers and has a positive attitude. This student does her best to excel in her academics and she perseveres even when faced with challenges.



**Daniel
Ortiz**

Grade 2

Palmetto Elementary

Daniel follows the rules and listens to trusted adults therefore showing respect toward self and others.





**Benjamin
De La Fuente**

Grade 5

Panther Run Elementary



Ben has consistently demonstrated excellent character all year. He was recently recognized for empathy and kindness due to his friendship with an immigrant student. Through this relationship, he demonstrated responsibility by assisting him with assignments, guiding him through various challenges. Ben extended respect to the boy's younger brother by including him during lunch, helping him get through a difficult period. Ben is an all-around good citizen who totally exemplifies good character.



**Adams
Demas**

Grade 11

Park Vista Community High School



Adams has exemplified the theme of responsibility by working tirelessly to improve his GPA and set himself back on the path to graduation. In less than one year, Adams has increased his GPA 8 tenths of a point, and his current year GPA is indicative of the grit and growth mindset that Adams demonstrates regularly. Adams is a role model for other students through his determination to excel and his kind, respectful, and positive attitude.



**Angel
Garcia**

Grade 5

Pierce Hammock Elementary



Angel is a respectful, kind, and hardworking student. He demonstrates all of the character traits you would like to see in a student. He works hard to please his teachers and to learn as much as he can. He pays attention in class and is ready to participate in discussions. Angel is the kind of student that you can count on to display these given qualities anywhere on campus, whether an adult is present or not. As a safety patrol, Angel sets a great example for how a 5th grader should behave.



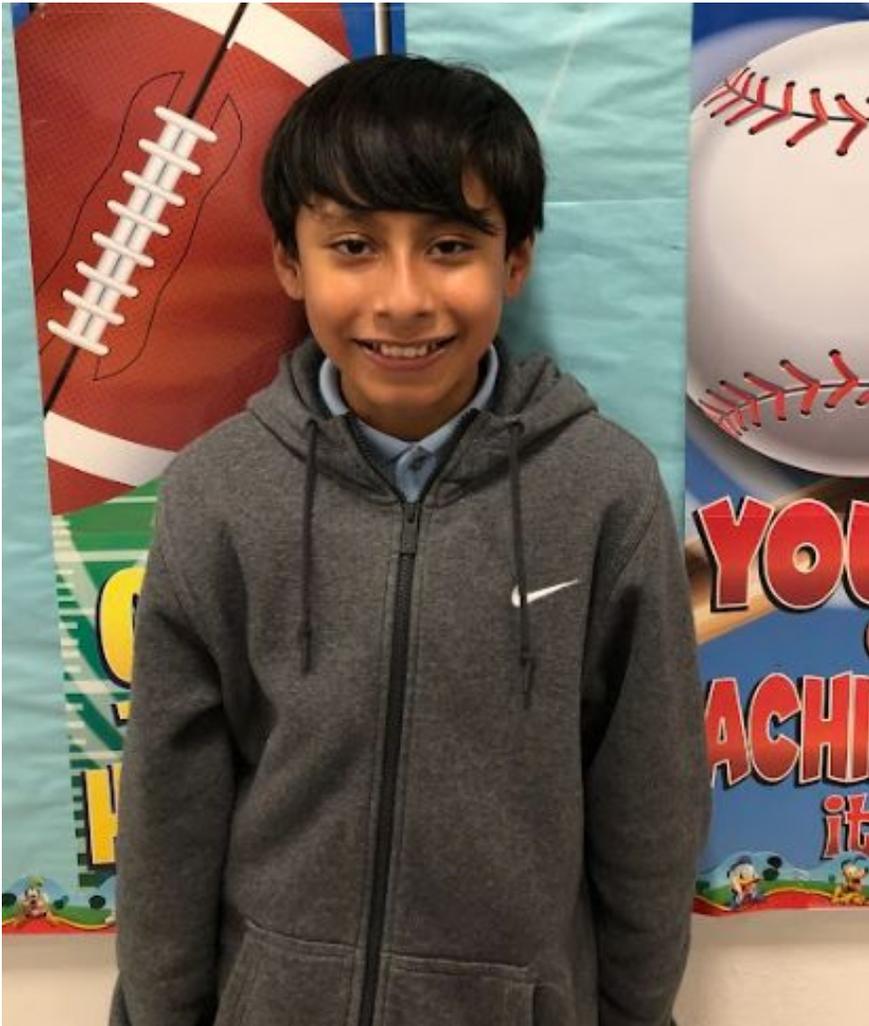
Melody Pierre-Louis

Grade 5

Pine Jog Elementary



Melody is consistently nominated by her teachers for displaying outstanding character! She is trustworthy and respectful in all locations around the school and with everyone she interacts with daily. She is a hard worker and is dedicated to her academic success - always focused on doing her personal best. She is a steadfast follower of our school-wide expectations and quietly leads by example, showcasing her citizenship to our school community on a daily basis.



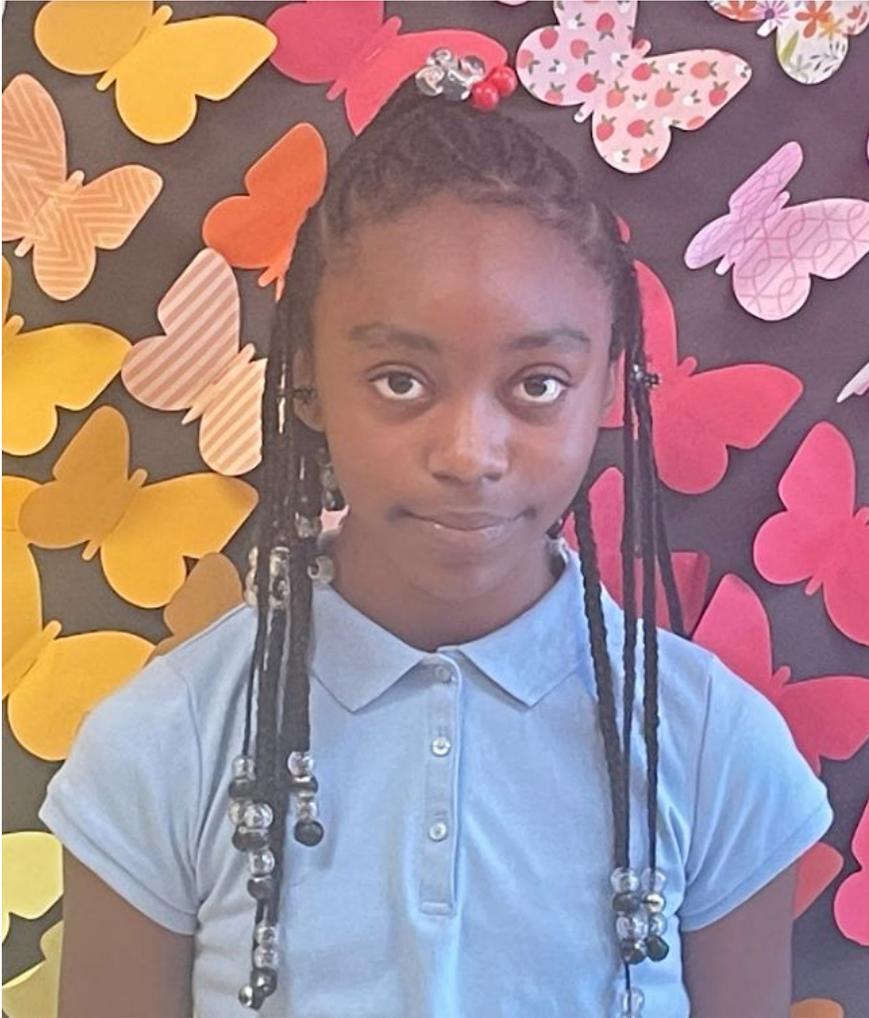
Tristan Nieto-Ortega

Grade 5

Pioneer Park Elementary



Tristan is a leader and has worked diligently this year academically and on social and emotional skills. He served as a safety patrol this year and has been a positive role model for his peers. Tristan demonstrates character on a daily basis. His teachers recognize how he shows respect, and it filters through their other students as he simply models the right things to do!



**Mariyah
Thomas**

Grade 4

Pleasant City Elementary

Mariyah is an exemplary student who is always respectful to her peers and teachers. She helps her classmates and goes above and beyond to be a true leader in and out of the classroom. Mariyah is responsible and completes tasks with diligence. She is a wonderful example to all the students here.





**Kendall
Grandusky**

Grade 5

Poinciana Elementary



Kendall is an outstanding student. She exemplifies all of the characteristics of this recognition and so much more. We can count on Kendall to be a leader in the classroom and the school community, whether someone is looking or not. She is intrinsically motivated to be the best that she can be, and this includes her treatment and care of others, students and staff alike. Kendall brings a smile to everyone's face and brings an uplifting spirit to our school.



**Sarah
Rowe**

Grade 8

Polo Park Middle School



Sarah arrives to school every day with a positive attitude that inspires her classmates. She is eager to learn and takes on challenges gracefully. She is consistently polite, fair, respectful, caring, responsible, and trustworthy. Sarah goes the extra mile with her classwork, but also with her willingness to help other students succeed. Sarah embodies the character traits, as well as Polo Park PRIDE - she is Positive, Respectful, Independent, Disciplined, and overall Excellent!



**Nina
Perez**

Grade 5

Rolling Green Elementary



Nina is one of my students that I trust to do the right thing and she always tells the truth, even when it is not easy. Nina is always respectful to all adults, her classmates, as well as herself. Nina is responsible. She does a great job applying the Rolling Green expectations. Nina is always very sweet by helping a classmate that needs extra help. Nina is involved with making her school better by cleaning up and setting the example of being neat and kind.



Mehzabin Begum

Grade 7

Roosevelt Middle School



Mehzabin Begum is an extremely caring and considerate young lady. She always has a smile on her face, and she goes out of her way to make others feel safe and happy. For example, I had a student that entered RMS and had a hard time making friends. Mehzabin quickly approached the student and made her feel welcome and introduced her to some other students. She's always willing to go out of her way to help her peers. Mehzabin told me she loves to spread kindness. She is a remarkable young lady.



Sky'Amber Sears

Grade 4

Rosenwald Elementary

Sky'Amber Sears exhibited great character traits throughout the entire year at Rosenwald Elementary School. She showed great compassion, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship towards her peers as well as her teachers and administrators.





**Tiedra
Brown**

Grade 12

Royal Palm Beach High School



Tiedra Brown is a well-rounded student who never hesitates to lend a helping hand. Her smile and kindness is apparent in everything she does. When it came time to nominate a student for the end of the year nomination, Tiedra was hands down the winner. We are so proud of her and can't wait to see all that she accomplishes.



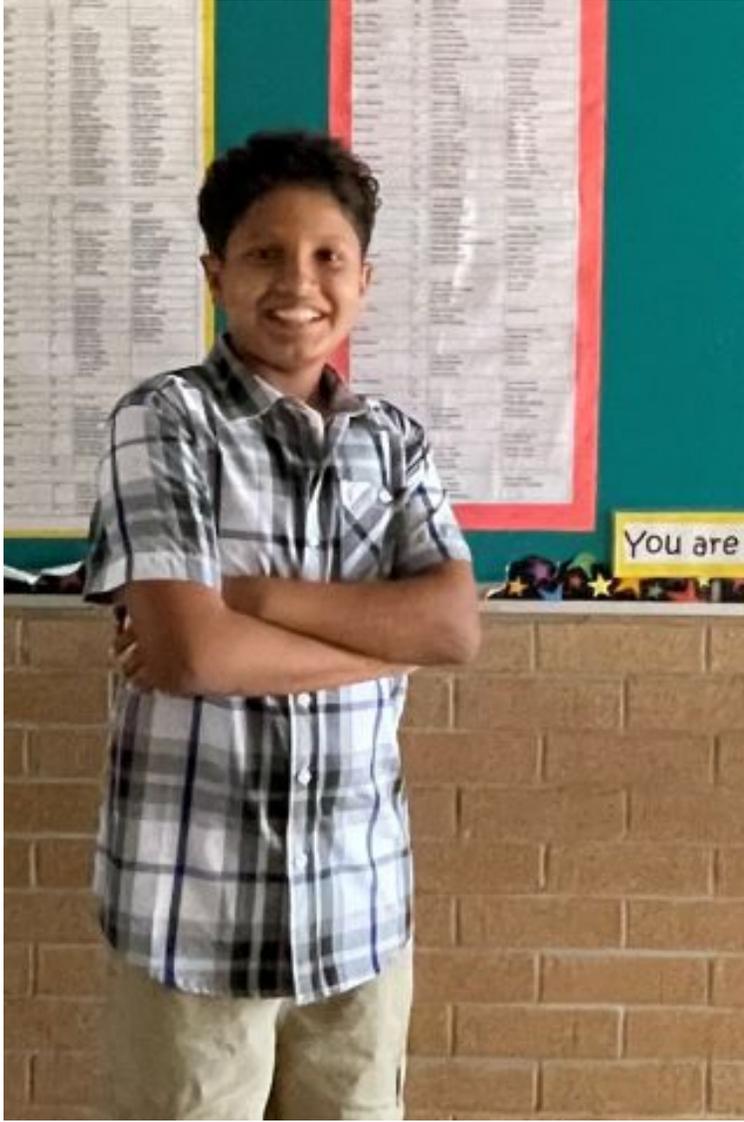
**Demetris
Dunnaway**

Grade 10

Royal Palm School

Demetris has perfect attendance, respects his teacher and classmates, and has improved his self-motivation and self-direction to work on classroom assignments. He also feels compassion and develops empathy for his classmates.





Bernardo Duarte

Grade 5

Sandpiper Shores Elementary



Bernardo exemplifies the Character Now! themes. He is responsible and trustworthy. Bernardo has an infectious energy and positive attitude towards everything. He is kind, humble, joyful and an eternal optimist. He is the kind of person who brings light and positivity into any room that he steps into. He is considerate and puts others before himself. He is respectful to all staff members and students. Bernardo is a great leader and sets a good example for his peers.



**Kerryrna
Dort**

Grade 12

Santaluces Community High School

Kerryrna demonstrates integrity as evidenced by her leadership and outstanding academic performance. As the President of the Black Student Union, she has blazed a path for her peers to embrace purpose. In addition, Kerryrna frequently exhibits compassion and generosity. She has worked diligently to offer opportunities to those in need by coordinating clothing and food drives.





**Sophia
Caprio**

Grade 12

Seminole Ridge High School



Sophia is the kindest student I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She initiated a "Kindness Campaign" and went to every classroom at school to speak with the students about the importance of being kind to one another. She mentored students on the autism spectrum and she is passionate about promoting friendship and inclusion among students with and without disabilities. She is an active member in Best Buddies and she educates students about acceptance and inclusion.



**Areej
Naeem**

Grade 5

South Grade Elementary



Areej is a model student at South Grade Elementary. She excels in all areas of academics and is a leader in the classroom. Areej is a safety patrol and was the lead in the school musical. She helps teachers daily with tutoring other students and assisting teachers with classroom tasks. Areej is very well liked by all of her classmates; she is incredibly kind and makes everyone feel welcomed. She is incredibly helpful at home as well, taking care of her younger brother and sister while her parents are working.



**Eduardo
Roblero-Mejia**

Grade 5

South Olive Elementary

Eduardo always shows kindness toward his peers and adults alike. He is a hard worker and a kind and empathetic student who always demonstrates stellar citizenship.





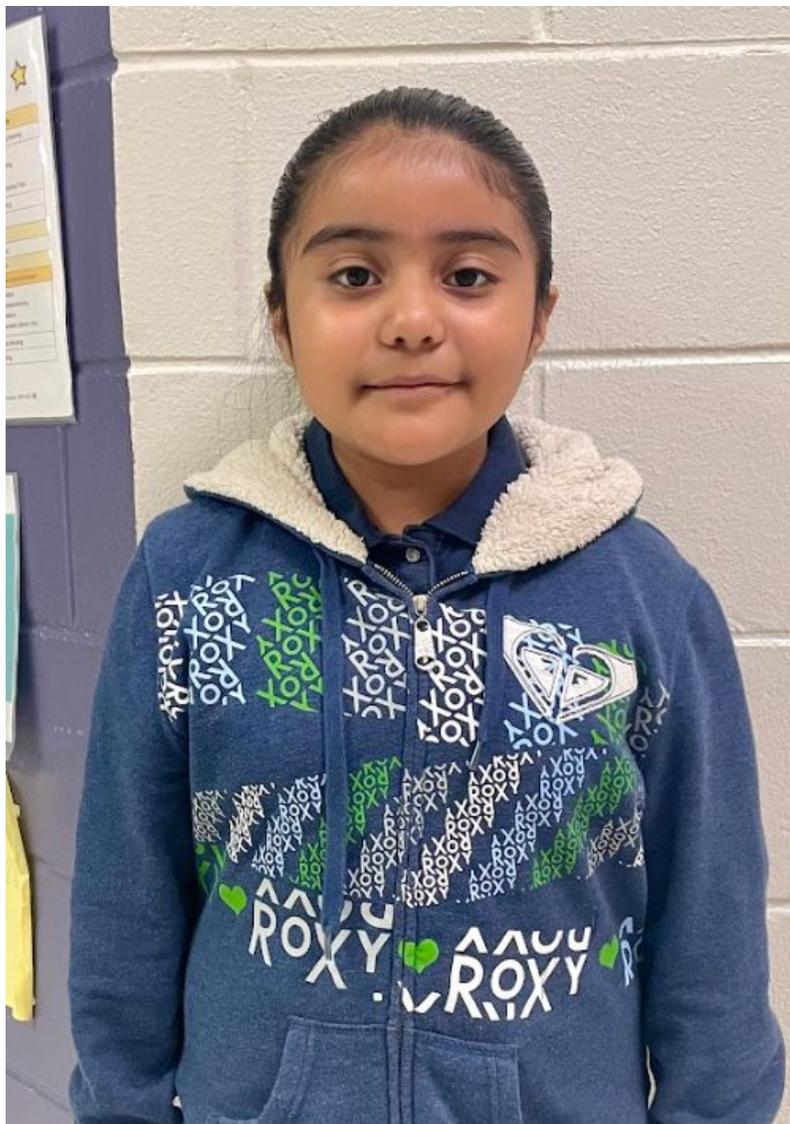
**Baylee
Jacobson**

Grade 12

Spanish River High School



Baylee deserves to be acknowledged. There has not been one day throughout her high school career that she is not showing kindness towards others. Baylee is a great communicator; she is not afraid to speak up for what is right which highlights her maturity. She is responsible, working hard to maintain her grades while working after school and on weekends. She is honest, resilient, inquisitive and tenacious. She will continue to have a positive impact on others' lives in the future.



**Leslie
Rocha**

Grade 3

Starlight Cove Elementary



Leslie promotes good character through her actions and her words. In the classroom, she is looked upon to lead the class with her convictions and her actions. She has many friends inside of school and outside of school; she stays in contact with them. They have even been together for a “Dogman” book club. She was the one who started the club. She helps all of her classmates and is always smiling. She tells jokes to keep us all in a good mood. She was a joy to have in class this year!



**Donald
Hires**

Grade 12

Suncoast Community High School



Donnie Hires is just the nicest, kindest young man you would ever like to meet. As a senior at Suncoast, he has demonstrated every single character trait. Donnie speaks to every person by name. He genuinely cares for and listens to his peers and engages in conversation with everyone. With an excellent academic record, Donnie doesn't stop at just hitting the books. He promotes citizenship and responsibility by volunteering in the library and taking initiative as a student aide.



**Lochlainn
McCaughey**

Grade 5

Sunrise Park Elementary



Lochlainn has been part of our school since third grade. He readily joins in with others and gathers friends and classmates about him. He is a turn-to person in athletics who shows good sportsmanship. Lochlainn does the right thing: acts kindly towards others, participates and sets a tone of leadership with calm and thoughtful responses in any situation. We are pleased to recognize him as our Kid of Character for the year.



**Leanna
Salloum**

Grade 5

Timber Trace Elementary



Leanna is President of the Student Council; she exemplifies trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship inside and outside of the classroom. She volunteers her time outside of school with fundraisers and supports students with learning disabilities. Leanna inspires peers daily to demonstrate her kindness. She empowers true leadership and citizenship skills and is always willing to strive to improve in areas where needed. She is always willing to lend a hand when needed.



Zariyah Anderson

Grade 8

Tradewinds Middle School



Zariyah consistently demonstrates good character by displaying honesty and integrity. Zariyah never allows students to copy her work, or cheats on her test. Also, she shows respect and responsibility by obeying school rules and arriving to class on time. Lastly, Zariyah demonstrates good citizenship by tutoring her fellow classmates in Algebra 1 Honors, Spanish 1, and in Cambridge English. Zariyah truly deserves acknowledgement and praise for exhibiting the six pillars of character.



**Valeria
Mejia**

Grade 5

Verde K-8



Valeria is kind, caring, honest, and hardworking. She is a friend to everyone and consistently puts the best interest of others ahead herself and offers a helping hand to any student or teacher in need. We appreciate her willingness to help so much, and it has been a pleasure having Valeria in our 5th grade class this year! We truly believe that Valeria is going on to do great things!



**Angelie
Auguste**

Grade 4

Village Academy

Angelie is a hard-working student who spreads kindness each day with her words and actions. She is slow to anger and participates to the best of her ability in all areas of her school day. She is helpful, kind, warm, and a true example of tiger pride.





**Elizabeth
Lynskey-Lake**

Grade 8

Watson B. Duncan Middle School



We have known Elizabeth since she began 6th grade. Elizabeth is in all advanced courses. She has consistently impressed me with her dedication to learning, her insatiable desire to really engage in her education. Outside of the classroom, Elizabeth dominates the basketball court. She averaged 18 points a game this season and also was the team captain.



**Daryl
Brown**

Grade 12

Wellington Community High School

Not a day goes by that he does not say hello when entering class to myself and his classmates. His positivity is infectious. I have witnessed him around campus behaving the same way. He is the walking embodiment of the Wellington Way.





**Scarlett
Welsh**

Grade 5

Wellington Elementary



Scarlett models exemplary character each and every day! Scarlett displays kindness and empathy to all around her and more importantly willing to help those around her without being asked. In class she models responsibility to her fellow classmates and when she completes her work, she will get out a book or do an extra assignment without ever being asked. Scarlett is very trustworthy, is the safety patrol captain, and is always trusted with any tasks that are given to her.



**Jacob
Padilla**

Grade 8

Wellington Landings Middle School



It is a pleasure to recommend Jacob Padilla to represent Wellington Landings at the Character Now Celebration. Jacob has been nominated multiple times for each character trait this year. One way Jacob models outstanding character is as a Peer Partner. He works with special needs students as a helper and friend. He is always willing to lend a helping hand. He is respectful, kind, and trustworthy. He is a role model for his peers and a wonderful candidate for this recognition.



Shia Silverman

Grade 5

Whispering Pines Elementary



Shia Silverman is an extraordinary individual who exemplifies outstanding character and is a wonderful role model to his peers. Shia has continuously displayed respect, responsibility, fairness, kindness, empathy and trustworthiness. We are extremely proud to nominate this student and excited to hear about his future successes.



**Mishell
Juarez Calel**

Grade 5

Wynnebrook Elementary

She is an English learner who focuses on her studies, follows our Code of Conduct, and is a buddy for other students who are learning English as a new language.

